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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I would yield my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, almost five minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cunningham, thank you very much. Members of the Legislature, I've heard several senators in opposition argue that gambling is not a good economic proposition for a state. If you consider that proposition in an ideal situation, if you consider this in a situation where all of the pluses and minuses were in one state and one community, if the proposition were considered in that way, maybe you could argue that, maybe. But that's not at all what we have here. What we have here is where the pluses go to Iowa and the negatives are already in Nebraska. It's clearly a losing economic situation for Nebraska. If you take personal bankruptcies, the difference in personal bankruptcies is not going to be significantly different because the casino is on the west side of the river instead of the east side of the river. Those bankruptcies are already here to the extent that gambling in casinos cause those bankruptcies. We pay for that but we don't have the benefits of the jobs that are mostly over in Iowa going to Iowa people and we don't have the benefits of the revenues and the generated economic activity that's over there in Iowa. One senator indicated, well, we lose sales tax money. Well, if you take a situation where a restaurant in the Old Market, people don't go there because they ate at Ameristar, yes, we lost the sales tax revenue. But if the casino were on our side, we would gain back the sales tax revenue. The way it is right now we do lose it. We lose it all. If a group of ladies chose instead of bowling at some bowling alley in Omaha, chose to go and gamble at the casino in Iowa, the bowling alley would not get the revenue, the casino would. That's the way things are now. If the casino were on the Nebraska side and the ladies chose to go to the casino, at least the revenue, the jobs, the tax money, would be in Nebraska. It is so true that this situation is economically lopsided for us because of the way the river splits the community and because all of the